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In re Application of: CHARLES EDWARD BOWERS

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Petersburg, VA 23804

August 22, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2000, please enter the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant hereby affirms the provisional election to prosecute the invention of Group I species IA, claims 1-3, all of which read on the species. The provisional election was made with traverse, and Applicant respectfully maintains the traversal of the restriction requirement. The last portion of the second numbered paragraph of the detailed action is apparently incomplete and fails to provide a basis for the inventions being distinct.

Claims 1-3 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16, 18 and 21 of copending Application No. 08/933,822. As none of the relevant claims of either application has yet been allowed, Applicant will defer proffering a terminal disclaimer in this case.